

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Commission Meeting
August 15th, 2013

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday August 15, 2013, at The Sloppy Floyd Government Office Building 2 MLK Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334.

The following Commissioners were present:	Others Present:
J.J. Biello- Chairman Moses Ector- Vice Chairman Ben Kiker Hunter Towns- by phone	Matt Woodruff- Executive Director Attorney General Office [Reagan Dean] Will Fisher (GAEC Official) David Oblas Megan Swartslander Leon de la Garza Henry Okafor
	Brian Hernandez Scott Harper Stephen Imes Stephen Upchurch

Chairman J.J. Biello established that a quorum was present and the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission meeting that were scheduled to begin at 11:00am. was called to order at 11:00am.

Motion to Approve the commission meeting minutes from July 18th, 2013. Vice Chairman Moses Ector makes a motion. Commissioner Ben Kiker seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the promoter license application for JJLG Importers. Commissioner Kiker makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds, and the Commission vote 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 9/28/2013 JJLG Importers event permit. Vice Chairman Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Kiker seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 9/28/2013 Golden Girls Boxing event permit. Vice Chairman Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Kiker seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the promoter's license application for Conflict MMA Promotions. Commissioner Kiker makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

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Motion to Approve the 10/12/2013 Conflict MMA Promotions event permit. Vice Chairman Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Kiker seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the license application for Curt Render. Chairman Biello denies the application due to a non-completed application. The advanced medicals are not submitted.

Suspension hearing for Brian Hernandez. Brian was suspended in 2011 from having a false blood report turned in to the Commission by Wayne Music. Mr. Hernandez was not aware that the blood reports were faked since he just fought the month before; he thought it would have been that same blood work. Scott Harper, trainer for Mr. Hernandez, says that Wayne Music really hurt a lot of fighters by turning in all of these fake reports. Chairman Biello makes a motion to lift this suspension. Vice Chairman Ector seconds that motion, and the Commission votes 4-0 to lift the suspension.

Discussion on the change for date for the Golden Girls Boxing event from July 27th to September 7th. Chairman Biello wanted to know why the change and Henry Okafor said he wanted a better show and simplify needs more time. Reagan Dean said that Mr. Okafor would have to submit a formal change of date request to have on file. Vice Chairman Ector makes a motion to approve the change of date. Commissioner Kiker seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0.

Follow up Discussion on the term verifiable. Matt Woodruff and Reagan Dean were advised to find out what this term means, and determined the best thing to do is keep as is, and go off of mma.tv. Commissioner Kiker suggested that we develop a form for that the promoter signs off on, and that verifies that these fights took place. David Oblas suggest a legal affidavit for the fighters to sign off on to verify their actual record. Mr. Dean said we should develop something and let the board determine what the best measure to verify fighters and records. Megan Swartslander said an affidavit works well if there is enough proof given, and if they are caught lying there is a stiff punishment. Chairman Biello asks Mr. Woodruff to do some research and get back to the Commission.

Report from Reagan Dean in regards to proposed rule change to 85-4-.07(11). Mr. Dean wants to make sure that the board wants to apply this rule to “Muay Thai” only because the rule is reading for all of Kickboxing. The rule is not restricted to Muay Thai, so we need to clear up the language of this rule. David Oblas said that he feels that the headgear should be in all aspects of those rules not just Muay Thai. Chairman Biello asked Mr. Woodruff to re-word the language and bring back to the Commission.

Discussion with Henry Okafor, on what MMA is. Commissioner Kiker said it is a mixture of all martial arts, with grappling and standing up fighting. Henry feels that MMA is very dangerous and does not like it.

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Discussion with Stephen Upchurch, on headgear for amateur fighters. He feels that you take fighting in steps, by starting with headgear and you work up to taking it off, then it transitions you into a pro fighter. Slowly work up from amateur to advanced amateur to pro.

Discussion with Stephen Imes of American Top Team, on Devorious Tubbs' status as a professional fighter. Mr. Imes said that Mr. Tubbs is 1-0 as an amateur MMA fighter, but he is 12-0 as an amateur Muay Thai fighter. Mr. Imes wants to have him turn pro as an MMA fighter and would like to board to allow him to turn pro. Chairman Biello said that there are rules and regulations that must be followed before turning pro. Vice Chairman Ector said this board is not going to change the rules for this.

Discussion with Stephen Imes on Micah Goss, and his eligibility to fight in the state of Georgia. Mr. Goss was suspended in 2011 for a lack of skills and hold a pro record of 1-10. Mr. Imes said there was an opponent with a 2-4 record who wanted to fight Mr. Goss, but that fight was denied. Mr. Imes said that the two fighters have some bad blood and wanted to settle things. Chairman Biello said that this is about sportsmanship, and he would deny if there was bad blood.

Discussion with David Oblas on wanting to know the dual arch mouthpiece requirements for his event on September 7th. Mr. Woodruff said that rule only applies to amateurs.

Discussion with Leon de la Garza on Hector Camacho Jr. Camacho was supposed to fight on December 13, 2012 but did not because of the death of his father 2 weeks prior. Mr. Garza paid him some money up front and wants to know what can be done to get that money back. Vice Chairman Ector said to send everything you have to Matt Woodruff and him and the Attorney General's office will see what can be done.

Motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Ector makes the motion, Commissioner Kiker seconds and the commission voted 5-0 to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.